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FOLLOWING CANBERRA 491 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO WELLINGTON
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FOR NELSON EA/ANP FROM IMUS/GULICK

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAID, PFOR, US
SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC ASSISTANCE

1. CONSULTATIONS WITH NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS ARE
PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY. BOTH APPEAR TO ACCEPT MODEST NATURE OF
OUR PROPOSALS AND TO UNDERSTAND LIMITATIONS UNDER WHICH WE
MUST OPERATE. WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH RANGE OF ACTIVITIES
BOTH COUNTRIES ARE UNDERTAKING IN THE ISLANDS AND WILL HAVE TO
LOOK HARD TO FIND OPEN AREAS IN WHICH WE CAN PARTICIPATE.
BOTH NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS HAVE AGREED TO ADJUST
THEIR OWN PROGRAMS IF NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR U.S.
INVOLVEMENT.

2. IN WELLINGTON AMBASSADOR SELDEN AGAIN REEMPHASIZED
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IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO PROVISION OF USED ROAD BUILDING
EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY IN AMERICAN SAMOA. HE SAID THAT EARLIER
THIS YEAR GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA HAD AGREED THAT PORTION
OF ROAD BUILDING EQUIPMENT COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO WESTERN
SAMOA. WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD AGAIN REVIEW THIS
SITUATION AND DETERMINE, IF NOW KNOWN, WHAT SPECIFIC PIECES
OF EQUIPMENT COULD BE GIVEN WESTERN SAMOA. WE WOULD PROPOSE

TO SUGGEST TO SAMOANS THEY TAKE A LOOK AT SUCH EQUIPMENT AND IF AFTER INSPECTION THEY STILL INTERESTED, WE MAKE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE ON CLEAR "AS IS" BASIS. WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM SUVA FOR APIA FEBRUARY 5.

3. QUESTION OF SHIP FOR FORUM SHIPPING LINE REMAINS DIFFICULT WITH DIFFERING VIEWS BEING EXPRESSED IN WELLINGTON AND CANBERRA. NEW ZEALAND STRONGLY SUPPORTS LINE AND GAVE INFORMAL, FAINT SIGNALS THAT THEY MIGHT CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO FIX UP COSTS OR MORE LIKELY TRY TO PURCHASE THEMSELVES A USED VESSEL FOR THE SAMOANS. NEW ZEALAND ACTION WOULD BE CONDITIONAL ON AUSTRALIANS ALSO HELPING. HOWEVER, HERE IN CANBERRA OFFICIALS HAVE RAISED STRONG DOUBTS AS TO VIABILITY OF SHIPPING LINE AND HAVE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT PROVISION OF SHIP MIGHT BE THE CATALYST TO START SAMOANS ON AN UNWISE VENTURE. BOTH NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT GIVEN POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, I.E. EFT'S STRONG PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE LINE AND ANTICIPATION OF U.S. AID, THAT BEST COURSE IS ONE TO WHICH WE AGREED IN WASHINGTON; THAT IS, PRESENTATION OF SHIP ON "AS IS" BASIS WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT SAMOANS MAY WISH TO EXAMINE IT THEMSELVES OR HAVE SURVEY DONE BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER. WE WILL ALSO MAKE CLEAR THAT REHABILITATION COSTS CANNOT BE BORNE BY USG. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS BEYOND WHAT WAS DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO DEPARTURE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING IN SUVA. HARGROVE UNQUOTE VANCE

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